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DEATH.

On March 27th, at Shanghai, of meningitis, VITTORIO PALAZZI, infant son of F. PALAZZI.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 4TH, 1906.

THERE IS A STRIKING SIMILARITY between the tone of the Press to-day and its tone prior to the events of 1900. Then as now the rumours of trouble were scouted, and denounced as alarmist exaggerations. Then as now the world was advised that there was no danger. Some anti-foreign prejudice undoubtedly existed, as it undoubtedly exists now, but the Chinese knew better than to make trouble; they had been long enough in contact with the foreigner to recognise how hopeless any effort to cast him from the Empire must be. This is what we are being told six years after; we can but hope with more reason. The Chinese authorities, of course, deny that any contumacy is likely; and they profess ability to cope with anything of the sort if it should occur. It may be that they are right in disbelieving that anything unpleasant is afoot among the proletariat; although we certainly cannot countenance the theory of its utter improbability; but it is almost a certainty that in assuming the effectiveness of control from Peking, the native authorities claim too much. If they honestly believe that they could check a popular movement of the kind, they deceive themselves, and the truth is not in them. The glaring ineptitude of Peking where petty local outbreaks, even the lawlessness of small gangs of robbers, are concerned, has long been in evidence.

Mr. C. Parsons, who has been associated for some years with the religious and social work connected with the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon, left for home yesterday by the French mail. Prior to his departure he was presented by members and others with a very fine loving cup, suitably inscribed.

manifold nature, inspired by diverse troubles. The anti-foreign prejudice, the desire for exclusion and seclusion, is a long smouldering fire, fanned by many recent breezes, and stirred up, no doubt, by the spectacle of the late war, with its loss of prestige to the foreigner, and its contingent apotheosis, by the ignorant and thoughtless, of the Asiatic and Asiatic. But the anti-dynastic agitation is quite a separate little conflagration, which has also had a good deal of oil poured on it lately. There is scarcely a white man on the whole China coast who does not shake his head solemnly when asked what the possibilities are in the now unlikely event of the death of the Dowager Empress. We must grant that both the recent missionary massacres, separately considered, were strictly local outbreaks, and to a considerable extent prompted by purely local circumstances. So was the Shanghai riot of December; but it seems silly to persist in regarding them en bloc as indicating nothing more than coincidental local irritations. An itch on the arm, a tickling sensation on the foot, a rash on the neck, each is a purely local phenomenon; but if they happen to occur within a reasonable time of each other, the man would be foolish who did not realise that he was, in common parlance, in "a bad habit of body." We notice that the apologists, as we may call them, have many explanations to offer. One reminds us that the missionaries are constantly causing irritation and resentment. Another points out the annoyance of the Chinese masses at seeing their temples converted into secular schools. Others explain that it is all due to that little learning which spells danger; that it is nothing more than the eructations of a set of young students. Taking these and all the other things together, it would be surprising if there were no unrest in China, and serious unrest at that. Such serious unrest unquestionably exists, and while the foreigner, by skating very swiftly indeed, may get over the thin ice, there is always imminent risk of a smash. If only the masses could be persuaded of the hopelessness of resisting the disconcerting innovations that we call civilisation, and be made to realise what feeble folk they are, judged by the modern standard of strength, the trouble might be averted. But this knowledge must be spread far more quickly than seems possible in such a country. Every missionary in the land ought to stick to one text for a time, that one mentioning the futility of "kicking against the pricks," and preach it in season and out of season. The suggestion is not so frivolous as it sounds.

Two more plague fatalities yesterday made the total 107.

Mr. E. R. Hallifax, assistant superintendent of police, has just returned to the Colony.

Mr. Robert Whitehead, inventor of the torpedo of that ilk, lost nearly £90,000 at death.

The Hankow A. D. C. is rehearsing "Jane," the farce played last season at Hongkong.

The Japanese Consul at New York advocates a triple commercial alliance of Great Britain, America, and Japan, to take the full-st advance of the open door in China.

According to *Punch*, a Glasgow evening paper has announced that the ship with Prince Arthur on board left Hongkong for Kobe, and thence went by train to Tokyo.

Chang Chih-tung has wired to the Shangha that he is completing his arrangements for the construction of waterworks at Wuchang, with a skilled foreign engineer.

Sir Edward Sassoon, M.P., declares that no fewer than eighteen thousand white men are finding work in South Africa mainly in consequence of the presence of Chinese coolies.

Messrs. V. P. Musso &amp; Co. are opening a factory at Canton for the manufacture of stockings and socks by machinery. The machines have arrived, and native operators are being instructed how to use them.

A very successful concert, organised by Mr. G. Burnett, took place at the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon, on Monday night. Among the artists were Mrs. S. W. Moore, Messrs. Chappell, de Graca, A. Cunningham, A. T. Walstow and G. Burnett.

Mrs. Catherine Sassoon, of 7, Queen's gardens, Brighton, widow of Mr. Reuben D. Sassoon, who left estate valued at £28,299, bequeathed £3,000 for distribution among such charitable institutions as her executors shall think fit, and £120 to the Alexandra Hospital, Brighton.

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We hear that an American amalgamation, practically a Trust which can control the world's copper output, has been made; and hope to give some details in a day or two. At present, those interested will recognise it as still another factor likely to keep silver dear, as suggested in our comments on March 31st.

According to special telegrams in the *Echo de Chine*, the situation in Russia is one of the most disquieting. There is a panic among the highest classes in consequence of the vigorous policy of repression on which the Government has entered. As Russia cannot obtain a foreign loan, new taxes are being laid on the people.

The *Daily Mail* correspondent at Johannesburg understands that at a conference held between the leaders of the *Het Volk*, or the Boer party; the *Republiek*, or the Democratic British party; and the *Progressives*, or Conservative British party, an agreement was reached on the labour question. The *Volkste* pledged themselves to carry out their former offer not to interfere with the Chinese for five years. Other points were discussed and settled with the object of hastening the elections, at which *Het Volk* expect a decisive majority. The correspondent adds that it was the result of this conference that Gen. Botha laid his party's cards on the table.

The following items are quoted from a native newspaper.—Mr. Pokotiloff still insists on the carrying out of the stipulations of the secret treaty made with ex-Taotai Chao Mien.—The Tibetan Treaty negotiations are again at a standstill.—The *Tsui* officials and gentry have decided to begin their railway operation with a line from Talyuan to Pingyachien, a distance of 300 li or more.—It is reported that the Japanese and American Ministers have both expressed themselves that should China succeed in raising the great domestic loan to pay off the indemnity indebtedness, their Governments would forego their share in manifestation of their appreciation of the patriotic spirit of the Chinese.

The Chinese Travelling Commissioners said, through an interpreter: "It is a mistaken impression that Chinese girls are not educated. It is true that there are but few girls' colleges, but the Chinese young women are educated at home in the classics by private tutors, and they receive also a very thorough education in domestic science. It was believed, however, that they should have more of Western learning;—that in fact, very much as is the case in this country, the Chinese girl should be placed upon equality with men so far as learning was concerned. It was for this reason and because the Empress Dowager is about to endow a college for girls in Peking that we were asked to pay particular attention to this matter."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## AN OBJECTIVE POLICE ARRANGEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

April 2nd.

SIR,—No doubt the police arrangements at the approach to the City Hall have been made with the best intentions, but many people would be glad to have them reconsidered. At present, even in rainy weather, rickshas are made to discharge their passengers at considerable distance from the steps, which is a hardship, even to ladies clad for the theatre. The other night a gentleman on the City Hall steps beckoned a rickshaw to approach. The cooler was stopped half-way by a Sikh, who took his number and made an entry in a book. The would-be passenger had to wade out to the ricksha. All would be well if the police arranged a queue, treating rickshas as carriages. What makes it all the more annoying is to see official chairs or other conveyances allowed to wait close to the door. Perhaps others who have experienced this needless annoyance, and got their feet wet, will support the protest.—Yours truly,

D. N.

AMERICAN EXPORTS TO CHINA.

The American Asiatic Association calls attention to the exports of cotton pieces goods for 1905 to China, which have reached the unexampled total of \$4,514,818. The export of mineral oils to the Chinese Empire has decreased by about \$1,000,000, and to Hongkong by \$1,500,000. The gross amount of United States exports to China for the calendar year has been \$88,574,793, against \$77,921,683 for 1904. In Hongkong the gross value of exports has been \$89,080,26, against \$11,279,33 for 1904. The imports from China remain practically stationary, at a little over \$28,000,000, while those from Hongkong show an equal lack of elasticity, though the figure of \$1,685,003 is somewhat ahead of the returns of recent years. The exports to Japan for the calendar year are, for the first time, somewhat less in value than those to China, though they reach the hitherto unprecedented figure of \$15,747,882, against \$31,658,037 for 1904. Imports from Japan, also for the first time, are slightly below the figure of the exports, though they have reached the considerable total of \$60,702,527, against \$49,788,504 during the year preceding. In 1895 the sum of our exports to Asia and Oceania was \$31,073,633, while for the year ending last December they reached a total of \$168,081,041. While 10 years ago what is called the balance of trade with Asia and Oceania was against us to the extent of \$72,000,000, the adverse balance, to-day, is but a little over \$30,000,000.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 3rd at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has fallen over Japan and risen over N. China.

Pressure is highest over the E. coast of China, and lowest in a shallow depression lying over the Sea of Japan.

Gradiant continues slight, and light to moderate N.E. and E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Light E. winds; cloudy, some rain.

## TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S SERVICE.)

## THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

London, April 1st.

An agreement has been reached on all questions before the Algeciras Conference.

## THE RESIGNATION OF THE NATAL MINISTRY.

London, April 1st.

The *Daily News* admits that Natal has scored a dramatic victory.

## GERMAN SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

London, April 1st.

The Hottentots have cut up a German convoy in South West Africa, killing an officer and ten troopers, and wounding four.

## THE REVENUE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

London, April 1st.

The revenue for the year ending 31st March amounts to £143,977,576, showing an increase of £607,172 and a surplus of £4,879,290.

[This is not in agreement with our own telegram of yesterday.]

(N.C. *Daily News* Service.)

## MANCHURIA FOR THE MANCHUS.

Peking, March 27th.

The gentry of Heilungkiang and Kirin provinces have held a meeting and decided that the railway, mining, timber-felling, and other enterprises in these provinces should be exploited by local capital. They communicated this decision to the Wuhipu and the Shangpa on the 25th inst., and have also sent delegations in Peking.

## THE JAPANESE DIET.

Tokyo, March 27th.

The session expires to-day; there has been a very busy scene, with a breathless debate. Joint conferences of the two Houses will continue till midnight.

## THE AMERICAN BANKER IN TOKYO.

Tokyo, March 27th.

Mr. Schiff is to be received in audience by the Emperor and be entertained at an Imperial dinner to-morrow (Wednesday).

## IMPERIAL CHARITY.

Tokyo, March 27th.

Their Majesties are contributing ten thousand yen to the relief of the sufferers by the earthquake in Formosa.

## THE A.D.C.

Tokyo, March 27th.

The short but successful run of "Lady Huntworth's Experiment" was concluded last night, when the company excelled their previous performances, and gave an almost faultless production of the well-known comedy. Unfortunately the incessant rain affected the attendance, but that did not have any influence on the artists, who acquitted themselves as to the manner born.

## ARMED ROBBERY AT SHANGHAI.

A serious armed affray took place in Li Hongkew in the early hours of March 28th. It appears that while Native P. C. 230 was on patrol duty in the vicinity of Hanbury Road he saw a crowd of about thirty natives endeavouring to break down a shop door with a large stone. Thinking there was a fire in progress he went up to see what was the matter, but his presence was not welcome, as one of the crowd turned round and struck him on the shoulder. As he was outnumbered and incapable of doing anything, the constable endeavoured to beat a retreat, but he was followed up by two ruffians, who, as he thought, struck him with a stone. When he succeeded in escaping to an alleyway he attempted to blow his whistle, but could not do so. He beckoned to a ricksha coolie who came up and blew it for him. Another native policeman then appeared on the scene and with his assistance the injured man was put into a rickshaw brought to the police station. Thence he was sent to St. Luke's Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from four stabs on the chest, arm, and shoulder. The most serious wound was that in the chest, the weapon having penetrated to the lung. Although the wound is a very serious one, it is hoped that after a few weeks' treatment in hospital the man will recover.

Meanwhile, the armed ruffians had succeeded in demolishing the door of the rice shop, and after driving off the inmates, all of whom escaped without very serious injury, they made off with all the money found on the premises, which amounted only to a few thousand cash.

Armed robberies have been so frequent of late, and the police have been so unsuccessful in capturing the culprits, that it seems as though some more drastic measures were necessary. The Council might consider whether, after a certain hour, natives should not have to produce night passes, or else the police should be given authority to arrest any gang of men who may be found acting in a suspicious manner in the thoroughfares of the Settlements.—N.C. *Daily News*.

## NITRATES FROM THE AIR.

The following extract forms an interesting addition to our recent articles on the world's wheat supply:

Science is constantly now producing results attributed to magic. At the Royal Institution, London, on the 2nd ult., Professor Silvius Thompson gave a lecture on "The Electric Production of Nitrates from the Atmosphere."

The nitrate beds in Chili will give out in a few years, and the future growth of wheat was seriously threatened; but Science has stopped into the breach and nitrates are now being extracted from the atmosphere in Norway, by means of an 800-horse power dynamo, worked by water-power. A practical illustration was given at the lecture by means of a 24-horse-power dynamo.

Unfortunately at present the process is accompanied by tumultuous noise; and a Norwegian who was present at Professor Thompson's lecture declared that the noise of the nitrate-producing works in Norway could be heard "all over Sweden."

## POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, April 3rd.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## CHINESE OFFICIAL IN TROUBLE.

A young runner, who attempted to

## HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on April 3rd at the Board Room. The Hon. Dr. F. Clark (president) presided, and there were also present—Dr. W. W. Pearce, M.O.H., Dr. Macfarlane, Lieut. Col. Josling, Mr. E. A. Hewett, Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. Fung Wa-chun, and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (secretary).

## A QUESTION OF URGENCY.

Mr. HEWETT said there was a question which he would like to have discussed. He wanted to know whether he should move the suspension of the standing orders and ask the question before the business was proceeded with, or should he wait till the end of the agenda. He had no time to give notice.

The CHAIRMAN replied that he could move the suspension of the standing orders.

Mr. HEWETT, having waited for the appearance of the Vice-President, said that as the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham was not likely to attend he would now move the suspension of the standing orders to consider a matter of urgency.

Mr. HOOPER seconded.

Mr. HEWETT remarked that the point he wished to be considered was one of considerable importance. He would have given the usual notice but he had not ascertained certain facts until the previous day. He believed he was right in saying that the Government and the Sanitary Board had sent out notices urging people to take precautions against affording facilities for the breeding of mosquitoes, but yet it had come to his notice that one of the most extensive and well-equipped breeding grounds for mosquitoes was in the heart of the city.

Mr. LAU CHU-PAK thought \$4 was too much to expend on a dust bin; a kerocene tin or old iron drum or any box made impervious was good enough. He was against making it compulsory to procure from a certain man what was required by the Board.

Mr. FUNG WA-CHUN said the new dust bins were not worth half the price charged. He thought licences should be allowed to buy where they liked at cheaper prices.

Mr. HUMPHREYS concurred with Messrs. Lau Chu-pak and Fung Wa-chun.

The recommended action was accepted, an exception to be made of the case of lodging houses.

## TO AVOID A NUISANCE.

The PRESIDENT minuted that he thought it would facilitate the work of this department if the public were informed that they could lodge complaints at the Board's district offices regarding nuisances which required early attention.

The SECRETARY submitted a draft letter regarding the matter to the Board.

## DIRECTED BY THE BOARD.

With a view to obviating any misunderstanding which might arise by the statement in his miscellaneous letters "I am directed by the Board," the secretary submitted certain suggestions on the matter for the consideration of the Board.

Mr. HOOPER was of opinion that the matter required consideration, and thought it should be referred to a committee to report on.

A committee was appointed to consider the forms the printed notice should take.

## AN EXEMPTION WANTED.

Mr. Danby applied that the new kitchens on Kowloon Marine Lot No. 28, Cosmopolitan Dock, be exempted from the conditions of Section 156 of the Building Ordinance in reference to open space in rear, as with the exception of a temporary wooden fence the building was quite isolated.

The A.M.O.H. said he had visited the place and the question appeared to be one of external air regarding the rising ground and rock in the rear. He considered the question to be chiefly a technical one, and that a plan was necessary.

The M.O.H. minute—Papers from the Building Authority show that Mr. Danby's attention was called to the want of external air when the plans were submitted, and yet the building was erected. I don't think the matter should be passed.

The PRESIDENT said the windows on the ground floor were only about five feet distant from a bank of earth which was about five foot high, and had a wooden palisade fence on top. Objection was raised to the arrangement when the plans were submitted, but the building was proceeded with and now the architect asked for exemption. He agreed with the M.O.H. that exemption should be refused.

Mr. HEWETT minute—In view of the remarks made by the President, I think the application should be refused.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS in a minute said he gathered that all that was necessary was for the Dock Co. to cut away a portion of the bank in order to afford the required open space.

The application was refused.

## A QUESTION OF TIME.

Mr. J. Leprieur wrote asking the Board to reconsider the question of compelling the owner of Nos. 229, 231 and 233, Wing Lok Street to go to the expense of having this work done over again so soon. He pointed out that the ground surface of these houses was concreted and the drainage system altered some six years ago at the request of the Sanitary Board. The work was then carried out under the supervision of a certified architect and duly passed by the Sanitary Surveyor.

The Assistant Sanitary Surveyor reported that the concrete over the ground surface of these houses was not of good quality, and recommended that the notice be enforced.

The M.O.H. minute—The Ordinance provides for the re-concreting of floors which have perished. From a rat prevention point of view I think the work had better be done.

Mr. HUMPHREYS said he could understand that portions of the flooring might require to be replaced after six years, but the drains should be good for 50 years if properly done.

Mr. HEWETT did not think a case for exemption had been made out. The work was apparently over ten years old and the standard at that time was far different to what is now required.

Mr. LAU CHU-PAK said this was another hardship on property owners. His former suggestion that a limit of time should be laid down within which houses having already been concreted need not be re-concreted, would avoid hardship of this kind.

The application was refused.

schemes involving their purchase would require most carefully going into to prevent the possibility of wholesale importation from Canton. Rat farming locally would also have to be guarded against. I believe both these difficulties have had to be contended with to some extent. I do not notice amongst the measures recommended by the Government of India any reference to lime-washing which lends colour to the view I hold (expressed more fully in my minute on mortality statistics) that lime-washing is absolutely valueless as a plague preventative. I have more faith in the letting off of Chinese crackers, the sulphurous fumes of which undoubtedly possess potent disinfecting properties.

The PRESIDENT stated that the Governor had asked for a report on the nine preventative measures mentioned. He added that he did not think they could do any different to what they were doing at present. Quarantine was impracticable, because if they quarantined the vessels from Canton, whence we got our food supplies, we should starve.

Mr. HOOPER said the attention of the Government should be called to the bad condition of the pavements and side channels in the centre of the city.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that many of those were private streets.

Mr. HOOPER declared that the private streets were the best kept in the colony (laughter).

Mr. HEWETT had a different opinion with regard to the private streets.

It was agreed that the attention of the Government be called to the streets indicated.

## MORTALITY STATISTICS.

For the week ending April 17th the death rate of the British, foreign and Chinese community, excluding the Army and Navy, at a rate of 1,000 per annum, was 16.7 as against 15.8 for the corresponding week of last year.

## RAT RETURN.

For the week ending March 24th 62 rats were caught, of which 35 were infected, while 47 were infected out of 728 caught during the following week.

## PLAQUE STATISTICS.

Mr. HUMPHREYS in a minute said—These mortality statistics undoubtedly afford sufficient information so far as smallpox, typhoid, and minor diseases are concerned, because the nature, sources and treatment of such are to a great extent well-known, but it seems to me something more is required to render plague statistics of any real value. The medical faculty and the Sanitary Board know very little about this scourge. Heroic measures have been adopted which have involved the community in a huge annual expenditure. We have harassed the European and the native, the rich and the poor, the clean and the unclean, with the result that in three years we have spent immense sums in sanitation; that we have increased the cost of nearly everything to such an extent that living is almost out of the question for the poorly paid European. It is computed that 50,000 of the poorer but respectable Chinese have left the Colony, and as a large percentage of these are women there is every indication to support the popular belief that increased rents, coupled with deprivation of privacy (the inevitable outcome of a rigid enforcement of the Public Health Ordinance No. 1 of 1903) have been the principal if not the only factor in this exodus.

Over and above all this we have struck a blow at property (which after all is the foundation of all real property) from which it will take some time to recover. Yet our plague statistics do not afford us any clue as to whether all this expenditure and sacrifice on the part of the community have been in vain. Not until the death rate per 1,000 is less, perceptibly less, than that of Canton shall we be able to say "It is well." I realise that a comparative statement showing the figures of Hongkong and Canton side by side would be difficult to get, and that when obtained might only be approximately correct, but even this would be worth much money to procure—worth all the money and more than is now wasted on smearing walls with innocuous lime-wash. Our present figures are mere records of passing interest, not as they should and might be, records fraught with possibilities of almost incalculable benefit to the Colony and humanity.

Mr. LAU CHU-PAK's minute read—The results of the many drastic measures resorted to as experiments of theories for the improvement of the health and consequently the reduction of the mortality of the Colony as referred to in Mr. Humphreys' minute would be interesting for the public to know, especially at this juncture when both property holders and householders are groaning under the hardship and suffering inflicted by a severer act of recent creation. Personally I still doubt if the good scaring therfrom commences with the enormous amount of money expended by the Government every year and confforced upon the inhabitants. That \$50,000 of the Chinese have left the Colony is what was anticipated. More, I am afraid, will follow suit when Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 is enforced in its entirety. It is not that they like to send their wives and children away, but they are practically compelled to do so by that enactment.

Mr. FUNG WA-CHUN seconded.

Mr. LAU CHU-PAK seconded. He said the people were entitled to know the results of their sacrifices.

The PRESIDENT referred to the difficulties in the way of getting reliable returns. It was not only a question of getting to know the number of deaths, but the extent of the population.

The resolution was carried after further discussion.

## LIME-WASHING.

Mr. HUMPHREYS, before moving his resolution, asked the President if the medical men considered lime-washing as a preventative of plague.

The PRESIDENT—Yes, I should say most emphatically it does. It tends to cleanliness and anything which induces greater cleanliness is to a greater or less extent a preventative.

Mr. HUMPHREYS—You don't regard it as being a disinfectant?

The PRESIDENT—No.

Mr. HUMPHREYS then stated his opinion that lime-washing once a year was all that was necessary for purposes of cleanliness, and he moved that "the Board recommend the Government to alter the bye-laws relating to lime-washing, so as to make lime-washing compulsory once in twelve months in lieu of six months."

Mr. FUNG WA-CHUN seconded.

The PRESIDENT said he was opposed to the resolution, because experience had shown that the houses became very dirty at the end of six months.

Mr. HUMPHREYS remarked that that was largely due to the unsatisfactory way in which the lime-washing was done. In many cases it was an absolute farce. He thought it would be better if the Government did the work and charged the landlords.

Mr. PEARS doubted if they would improve matters by lime-washing once in twelve months instead of once in six. He did not consider twice a year too much.

Mr. HOOPER said that what they wanted was cleanliness. They should not insist on every Chinese house being lime-washed, but allow a differentiation where the tenants kept their houses clean. He called attention to the filthy condition of the roof of the Central Market.

"That," he said, "is our house. What will the Chinese think of us? It is dirtier than any coolie's house."

Mr. HUMPHREYS said that lime-washing will not once a year be better than ten times done bodily. He thought landlords would be willing that the Government should do the work and charge them.

Mr. HEWETT agreed with the President. The PRESIDENT having pointed out that the Board would amend their own bye-laws, the motion was altered accordingly.

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from \$20 to \$30 per month are in a very bad plight. They simply find it impossible to keep their wives and children with them without dodging the law. In the case of the property owners they are almost every day receiving a notice to do this or alter that, thus putting them to endless trouble and loss. I quite sympathise with them and do not at all feel surprised that many refrain from investing their money in property. With regard to the procurance of statistics from Canton, I am of opinion some arrangement can be made with the Chinese Government for furnishing the Hongkong Government with fairly correct information. It is true that the Chinese officials keep no record of deaths, nor is the nature of the diseases reported to them, but there are so many hospitals which do, and also the Kaifeng committees who always knew more or less of any death occurring in their particular ward. The coffin shop, too, can always tell whether the number of deaths taking place every day. I am sure, with the help of these people the Chinese Government will be able to supply the information as desired. If, however, the expert advisers of the Sanitary Board do not care to have such information from Canton, why not approach the Macao Government? Since the outbreak of plague, sanitary measures, though in a much more lenient form, have been enforced in that colony, and there are qualified officers in charge of the work.

Mr. FUNG WA-CHUN—No doubt it is desirable to know what result has been attained after so many experiments. I think comparative details should be obtained from neighbouring ports as far as practical. I know as a fact a lot of hardship is being caused by drastic measures.

Mr. HUMPHREYS said the Board were somewhat in the position of a merchant carrying on a large business without proper books of account. They knew they were spending large sums of public money and causing a great deal of inconvenience to almost everybody in the Colony, but they did not know whether they were doing any good with regard to plague. They had had three years' experience of the Health Ordinance of 1903, and the time has now arrived when the period of experiment should cease and some endeavour made to find whether they were doing any good or not. The other day the Hon. Mr. Gershon Stewart, in criticising the Sanitary Board's estimates wanted to know whether they were going to continue on a w.r. footing in time of peace. While realising the difficulty of getting the desired information, the speaker did not think any attempt had been made to obtain it. Report had it that when there was plague in Canton, Swatow and other places, we had plague in Hongkong, and when there was no plague in those places we had none in Hongkong. It would be satisfactory to know whether report was true or not, and he would move that the Government be asked to take steps to ascertain the rate of mortality per 1,000 of the population in Canton and Macao with a view to this Board issuing comparative returns.

The PRESIDENT thought it would be better not to limit it to plague, but to ask for the general death rate.

Mr. HUMPHREYS accepted this alteration.

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## SHANGHAI AND HONGKOW WHARF CO., LTD.

The following report of the speech of the Chairman at the annual general meeting of the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd., held at Shanghai on March 27th, includes all the material facts. The year under review has been the most prosperous the Company has yet enjoyed. The godowns have been filled with cargo and our storage accommodation has not only been taxed to the utmost, but, to our great regret, we have had to turn business away for want of space. I would here remind you, gentlemen, that our past experience has been that a year of plenty is followed by a year or more of leaness, and it would almost appear impossible, even making every allowance for increased requirements supplied from this distribution centre, and the indubious expanding trade of the place, that the volume of the merchandise imported in 1905 can be maintained throughout the year 1906. With these facts before them it has been a difficult matter for your Directors to determine what would be a safe sum to expand on increased godown accommodation, and after mature consideration a building programme has been sanctioned, entailing an expenditure of close on five lacs of taels. To provide the necessary funds the general agents trust that there will be a renewed demand for debentures of the

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### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

#### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. RANKIN LESLIE in our Firm Ceased on 31st March, 1906.  
GRANT & LESLIE,  
Hongkong and Canton.  
Hongkong, 4th April, 1906. [795]

#### WANTED.

AT ONCE JUNIOR SHIPPING CLERK with Knowledge of Accounts, for Merchants' Office in Hongkong. Reply stating Age, Experience, and Salary required to—  
A. H.  
Care of Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 4th April, 1906. [806]

#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

#### PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods CHUN HEWAN alias CHUN WAI FUN deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an Order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above estate to the 2nd July, 1906.

All Creditors are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 2nd day of April, 1906.  
DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,  
801, Solicitors for the Official Administrator.

#### THE YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the Head Office, No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th April, 1906, at 4.30 o'clock P.M. precisely, for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 30th December, 1905, the election of Directors and Auditor for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 18th April, 1906, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the ACTING SECRETARY for registration at least Forty-Eight hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. A. CUMMING,  
Acting Secretary.  
Shanghai, 24th March, 1906. [794]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th April, 1906, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Account to the 31st December, 1905, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 28th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
W. J. SAUNDERS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906. [802]

#### ALTERATION.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

#### HAICHING.

Captain A. E. Hodges, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 5th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LA PAIK & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906. [796]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Steamship

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Captain Holmes, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 28th inst., at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906. [797]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

#### NAMSANG.

having arrived from the above Ports. Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from along side.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 5th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906. [78]

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction  
On WEDNESDAY,  
the 11th April, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his  
SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,  
In Two Lots,  
THE GERMAN STEAMER "DECIMA" (wrecked off Cape Cam, Hainan Island),  
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About 1,000 Tons COAL (the Cargo of above  
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TERMS.—Cash on full or Hammer. Both  
Lots to be at purchaser's risk on full  
Hammer.  
For further particulars, apply to

GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 4th April, 1906. [803]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED,

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"BELLEROPHON,"  
are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown  
on and after the 4th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 10th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 14th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906. [810]

#### INTIMATIONS.

#### DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, at 8 o'clock P.M., on SATURDAY, the 7th April, 1906.

Members wishing to be present and Devonians wishing to join the Society are requested to communicate with,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Care of Hongkong Club.  
Hongkong, 20th March, 1906. [679]

#### NOTICE.

OFFICIAL or any Class of DOCUMENTS, Codes, Price Lists, Programmes, Accounts, Ornamental Writing, &c., &c. (including fac simile copies) can be undertaken by a careful and experienced CALIGRAPHER who desires either a temporary or a permanent appointment (preferable).

Further particulars, please apply by letter to  
THE "MIRIAN,"  
Care of "Daily Press" Office.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1906. [793]

#### NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

#### ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Action No. 89 of 1905.

LI PO KUM AND LI PO YUNG,  
VERSUS

TO LEE YUK HANG, LAI WO, FAN HING TONG, HIM SHUN TONG, ON TACK TONG, WO HING CHEONG, LEE PAK SING TONG, LEE YU CHOY TONG.

TAKE NOTICE that on FRIDAY, the 6th day of April, 1906, application will be made to the Court by the above-named Plaintiffs for payment to them of a sum of \$11,529.84 paid into Court to the credit of this action by the CHAP SING COMPANY, of Number 216, Wing Lok Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on the ground that the said sum is due and owing to the estate of Li Sing deceased.

WILKINSON & GRIST,  
Plaintiffs' Solicitors,  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1906. [794]

#### NOTICE.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

DURING my Temporary Absence from the Colony, Mr. H. W. KENNEDY will act as GENERAL MANAGER of the above Company.

By Order of the Consulting Committee,  
J. WHEELEY,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1906. [791]

### NOTICES OF FIRMS

#### NOTICE.

THIS is to GIVE NOTICE Messrs. REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co. have been appointed Agents for the NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO. in Hongkong.  
M. F. BAYARD,  
Resident Secretary for China.  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906. [788]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the Company's business at this Port.  
A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1906. [791]

#### NOTICE.

THE MITSU BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA hereby give Notice that they have established a BRANCH Office at this Port, from 1st April, and have appointed Mr. T. MATSUOKI as MANAGER.

MITSU BISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA,  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1906. [792]

#### NOTICE.

FROM DATE, and during our MA. MITCHELL'S Absence from the Colony, Mr. FRANK LAMMERT will have charge of our Business at this Port, and is Authorized to Sign our Firm's Proclamation.  
CALDBECK MACREGOR & Co.  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1906. [793]

#### NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP of BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS has this day expired by effusion of time, and Messrs. S. S. BENJAMIN and G. H. POTTS have been appointed Liquidators in Shanghai and Mr. E. S. KADOURIE as Liquidator in Hongkong, and they are respectively empowered to receive all monies due to and to pay all moneys owing by the late firm of BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS. The successors of the Firm are Messrs. S. S. BENJAMIN and G. H. POTTS, in Shanghai, and Messrs. E. S. KADOURIE & Co. in Hongkong, who are prepared to carry on BROKERAGE Business as before.

E. S. KADOURIE,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 31st March, 1906. [794]

#### NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP of BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS now dissolved, have this day established myself as SHARE AND GENERAL BROKER in Hongkong and will carry on the business under the style of E. S. KADOURIE & Co.

E. S. KADOURIE,  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1906. [795]

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1906. [796]

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THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

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THE FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Offices, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, 7th April, 1906, at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving Statements of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 28th February, 1906, and electing a Consulting Committee of 4 Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th, to SATURDAY, 7th April, 1906, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 24th March, 1906. [797]

#### NOTICE.

PHILIPPINE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of PHILIPINE CO., LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LTD., Queen's Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of April, 1906, at 3.15 p.m., when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed. Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING which will be subsequently convened.—

RESOLUTION.—That the firm of Messrs. E. S. KADOURIE & Co., be appointed GENERAL MANAGERS of the Company in the place of Messrs. BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS and that Article 59 of the Company's Articles of Association be altered by substituting the words "E. S. KADOURIE & Co." for "Benjamin, Kelly & Potts."

BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS,  
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Hongkong, 1st March, 1906.

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1905.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902.

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3 " " "  
H. PINCKNEY,  
Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Central,  
Hongkong, 29th September, 1905.

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RESERVE FUND... 110,000

HEAD OFFICE: London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:-

For 12 months... 4%  
6 " " 3%  
3 " " 2%

E. ORMISTON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1906.

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NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL

MAATSCHAPPIJ  
(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY).

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Paid up Capital £1,45,000,000 (£1,750,000). Reserve Fund... £1,00,000 (£117,000).

HEAD-OFFICE IN AMSTERDAM.  
HEAD-AGENCY: BATAVIA.

Branches: Singapore, Penang, Shanghai, Rangoon, Samruang, Sourabaya, Cheribon, Tegol, Palembang, Pescara, Tjilatjap, Padang, Medan (Del), Palembang, Kotaradja, (Achein), Telok-Semawe, (Achein) Bandjarmasin.

Correspondents at Macassar, Bombay, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Koho, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS:-

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the East, on the Continent, and in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts Banking Business of every description.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account 2% per annum on daily balances.

Fixed Deposits 12 months 4% per annum.

do. 6 do. 4% do.

do. 3 do. 3½ do.

L. ENGEL, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1906.

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### BANKS

#### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000  
STERLING RESERVE... 9,500,000  
SILVER RESERVE... \$19,500,000  
RESCUE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS \$10,000,000

#### COURT OF DIRECTORS.

A. HAIGHT, Esq., Chairman.  
Hon. Mr. C. W. DICKSON—Deputy Chairman.  
F. Salinger, Esq.  
C. R. Lopman, Esq.  
G. H. Modhurst, Esq.  
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#### CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH

#### MANAGER.

Shanghai—H. E. Hunter.

#### LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

#### ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

#### J. R. M. SMITH,

#### Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1906.

#### DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

#### CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP... Sh. Taels 7,500,000

#### HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.

#### BRANCHES:

Berlin, Cologne, Frankfort, Peking, Tientsin, Taku, Yokohama.

#### KOENIGLICHE SEEHANDLUNG (PREUSSISCHE STAATSBANK) BERLIN.

#### DIREKTION DER DISCONTOKOMMISCHEN GESELLSCHAFT.

#### DEUTSCHE BANK.

#### BLEICHROEDER.

#### BERLINER HANDELS-GESELLSCHAFT.

#### BANK FÜR HANDEL UND INDUSTRIE.

#### ROBERT WARSCHAUER & CO.

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#### NORDDEUTSCHE BANK HAMBURG.

#### HAMBURG.

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#### LONDON BANKERS:

Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SON

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

BRITISCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY.

DIREKTION DER DISCONTOKOMMISCHEN GESELLSCHAFT.

#### FACTS ABOUT THE QUEEN.

M. A. P., which has lately published some

little known facts about the Queen remarks:

An erroneous idea prevails that Queen Alexandra

as the Queen Consort possesses much the same

rights as the late Queen Victoria. But the

difference between being head of the State and

merely a Consort is very great, and the privileges

of both positions are very clearly defined.

In this respect Queen Alexandra comes off better

than any previous Consort, but she is nevertheless

barred from many of the rights which the King

is able to claim. By the laws of the

Constitution the Queen Consort is virtually

the King's subject, and not his equal. As

is well known, it is impossible for anyone to

bring a legal action against the King; but as

the Queen Consort is recognised as a "public

person," any action brought against her by the

humblest subject of the land would have to be

tried in the civil courts, and she would be

compelled to abide by the verdict. But the

Queen Consort may also bring an action against

anyone, and her position entitles her to deal in

business, or open a shop, if she chooses, and

transact business with customers in the

ordinary way, the only stipulation being that

against her signature on any document must be added the words "Queen of England." One

of the most curious points about Queen

Alexandra's position is that she is not recognised

in law as a married woman. A law was passed

in Georgian times to this effect, because it was

found that the King had so many affairs of

his own to attend to that he could not be

troubled with those of his wife. Accordingly

to-day the Queen is the only woman in

the country who is not amenable to the

"Married Woman's Property Act," and

whatever debts she might incur she alone would

be responsible for them, and creditors would

have no claim whatever upon the King. This

law seems ambiguous when it is remembered

that the King cannot be sued in a court of law,

but so it remains. Queen Alexandra is therefore

represented in the Courts by her own Attorney-General and Solicitor-General. This, however, has not always been the case. In former times the Queen Consort's debts were

the King's, and no one could legally recover them, but then her financial affairs were managed differently. Her husband was paid so

much a year by the State, and he allowed her, whatever she liked to spend. As often as not he allowed her nothing at all, with

the result that the Consort was compelled to contract debts which could not be recovered,

and so became unpopular. William II, however, altered all that. He allowed his Consort one-tenth share of all money derived from the grant of a franchise, and the same amount from the revenue of the Crown lands, and this pocket-money, which can enter a large sum every year, was called Queen's Money. It was not until William IV came to the throne that Queen's Money was done away with, and the present excellent system of providing the Queen Consort with a separate grant from the State came into force. So it comes about that Queen Alexandra has her own officers to look after her affairs, and all her accounts are kept quite separate from those of the King, whilst all outstanding bills in her name are usually settled once a month by cheque.

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L. ENGEL, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1906

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

ANPING MARU, Jap. str., 1,098. M. Shiraki, 3rd April—Shanghai 29th March, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.  
ATHENIAN, British str., 2,200. Robinson, 3rd April—Vancouver via Shanghai 31st Mar., General—C. P. R.  
BELLEROPHON, British str., 5,469. S. Bartlett, 3rd April—Singapore 26th Mar., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
CARL DIEDERICHSSEN, German str., 714. H. Schlaikier, 2nd April—Haiphong 29 Mar., and Hollow 1st April, General—Johnson & Co.  
CANTON, Norwegian str., 775. John Martin, 3rd April—Fuchow 1st April, General—Geo. McBain.  
COWRIES, British str., 3,153. A. E. M. Donnell, 3rd April—Singapore 27th Mar., General—Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
DAGNY, Norwegian str., 883. O. Abramhansen, 3rd April—Hongkong 31st March, Coal.  
EICHMUTH RICKMERS, German str., 997. H. Boeselius, 3rd April—Bangkok 25th March, Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.  
NAMSAK, British str., 2,591. G. Payne, 2nd April—Calcutta 14th March, General—April—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
REIN, Norwegian str., 726. N. Mathiesen, 2nd April—Bangkok 24th Mar., Rice—Order.  
SINGAPORE, German str., 1,454. P. Hermeling, 2nd April—Bangkok 25th March, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.  
ZAFIRO, British str., 1,618. R. Rodger, 3rd April—Manila 31st March, General—Showan, Tomes & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE  
April 3rd.  
Dagay, Norwegian str., for Canton.  
Houylo, French str., for Shanghai.

## DEPARTURES.

April 3rd.  
C. AFGAR, British str., for Singapore.  
CHIYUEN, Chinese str., for Swatow.  
HAIRUN, British str., for Fuchow.  
HELEN, German str., for Foochow.  
KASHING, British str., for Canton.  
KUCHOW, British str., for Tientsin.  
NIPPON MARU, Jap. str., for Shanghai.  
P. WALDEMAR, German str., for Sydney.  
SATSUMA, British str., for Foochow.  
SHIRANO MARU, Japanese str., for Shanghai.  
TAMIO, British str., for Manila.  
TONKIN, French str., for Europe.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Zefiro* reports: Moderate N.E. winds and sea all the way over.  
The British str. *Bellerophon* reports: Moderate N.E. monsoon fine and clear weather.  
The British steamer *Nomura* reports: Light N.E. winds, which freshen round the Parcels, thence to port light Easterly we other cloudy and overcast.

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR SHANGHAI & VLADIVOSTOCK  
(Taking Cargo at Through Rates to TSINGTAU and CHEMULPO.)

THE Steamship  
"LOONGMOON," Captain F. Kalkofen, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 6th inst., at 3 P.M.  
This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEGMSEN & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906. [793]

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.  
THE Company's Steamship

"PALAMCOTTA," Captain T. P. Babu, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 7th inst., at DAY-LIGHT.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906. [794]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, Ceylon, Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS

THE Steamship  
"OCEANA," Captain W. Hayward, R.N.E., carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 7th April, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's ss. *Marmora*, 10,509 tons, from Colombo. Passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. *Caledonia*, due in London on 19th May.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 26th March, 1906. [1]

## TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.  
Regular Steamship Service between Hongkong and South American Ports.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship  
"GLENFARG,"

5,600 tons, will be despatched for CALLAO (Peru) and IQUIQUE (Chili) on or about 10th April, 1906, at NOON.

Also taking freight to other Eastern Coast Ports of South America transhipping to the Connecting Lines.

For further information as to Freight and  
Passenger services, apply to K. MATSDA,  
YORK BUILDING, YORK, 1906. [531]

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

DESTINATION		VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & REG.	DEPTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	... OCEANA	Brit str.	P. & U. S. N. Co.	—	W. Hayward, R.N.E.	On 7th inst., at Noon.	
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	... JAVA	Brit str.	S. Barcham	1 m.	S. Barcham	About 11th inst.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	... DIOME	Brit str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—		On 10th inst.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	... KINTUCK	Brit str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—		On 24th inst.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	... BELSEROPHON	Brit str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—		On 29th May.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	... CALCHAB	Brit str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—		On 5th June.	
MARSEILLE, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	... ARMAND BEHIC	Frederick	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	—		On 17th inst., at 1 P.M.	
MARSEILLE HAMBURG	... JETRIA	Ger str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	G. Guionnet	On 8th May.	
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	... P. R. LUITPOLD	Ger str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	H. Kirchner	On 11th inst., at Noon.	
ODESSA DIRECT	... SLOVIA	Ger str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	P. Porzelius	About 11th inst.	
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... SCANDIA	Ger str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	v. Dohrou	On 18th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... SNEGAEMIA	Ger str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Peter	On 2nd May.	
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... C. FEED, LAIESZ	Ger str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Schonfeldt	On 16th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... SITHONIA	Ger str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Meyerdericki	On 30th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... ANDALUSIA	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Brahmer	On 14th June.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MACHAO	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Fitter	On 20th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... HECTOR	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 10th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... SHIMOSA	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	About 26th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... VANDALIA	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 6th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... EMPRESS OF INDIA	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	G. V. Williams	On 18th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... TSUCHI	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	E. Francke	To-day.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... LYRA	Am str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Feldtmann	On 23rd inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... DAKOTA	Am str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 16th inst., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... NUMANTIA	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	TOTO KISEN KAISHA	On 25th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... DAKOTAH	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Butterfield & Swire	About 10th inst., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... GLENFARG	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 20th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... CHINGTU	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 11th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... EMPIRE	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 18th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... PRINZ SIGISMUND	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	G. V. Williams	To-day.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MANILA	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	E. Francke	On 23rd inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... YOKOHAMA	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Feldtmann	On 16th inst., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... SAN FRANCISCO VIA PORTS	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 25th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... CALLAO (PERU) & IQUIQUE (CHILI)	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	TOTO KISEN KAISHA	About 10th inst., at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Butterfield & Swire	On 20th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 18th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... SEATTLE & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	G. V. Williams	On 18th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... NEW YORK	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	E. Francke	To-day.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Feldtmann	On 23rd inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 16th inst., at 3 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... VICTORIA (BC) SEATTLE & VIA JAPAN	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	TOTO KISEN KAISHA	On 10th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... VICTORIA (BC) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 20th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 16th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 30th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	G. V. Williams	On 14th June.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	E. Francke	On 18th June.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Feldtmann	On 14th June.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 18th June.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	TOTO KISEN KAISHA	On 10th inst.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	Butterfield & Swire	On 20th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 10th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 16th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	... MELCHERS & CO.	Brit str.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 30th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c							



## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Dorakha*, with the English mail of the 2th March, left Singapore on Sunday, the 1st instant, at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at 5 p.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 6th Feb., and the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the mail sea route on the 23th February, and for despatch overland on the 7th March.

A Mail for MACAO, is despatched per s.s. *Wingchai* on week-days at 5.00 p.m. On Sunday the mail for MACAO is closed at 8.00 a.m. *Shih-fu* and *SAMSHU* are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. and at 5.00 p.m.

Mails for CANTON, NANTAO, SANHUE, KONGMOON, KUNCHUK, SAMMUI, and WUCHOW are closed every week-day at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

No mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

PORT	PER	DATE
Shanghai, Moji, Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.	<i>Bellerophon</i> .	Wednesday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
Beppu, Kyoto, Tachikawa, Victoria, B.C., Tarcava and Wash.	<i>Lyon</i> .	Wednesday, 4th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	<i>Hongkong</i> .	Wednesday, 4th, 1.15 P.M.
Cebu and Illobo	<i>Singapore</i> .	Wednesday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore and Moulmein	<i>Tidmore</i> .	Wednesday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai	<i>Aspin Maru</i> .	Wednesday, 4th, 5.00 P.M.
Hainanpo	<i>Cell-Diderichsen</i> .	Wednesday, 4th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore and Rangoon	<i>Mansfield Maru</i> .	Wednesday, 4th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	<i>Hauspauli</i> .	Thursday, 5th, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	<i>Hastings</i> .	Friday, 6th, 2.00 P.M.
Amoy and Manila	<i>Zefiro</i> .	Friday, 6th, 9.00 A.M.
Jaco	<i>Hengshan</i> .	Friday, 6th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Surabaya and Samarang	<i>Chunghua</i> .	Friday, 6th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	<i>Tengyang</i> .	Friday, 6th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore and Vladivostok	<i>Loewmoor</i> .	Friday, 6th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	<i>Lowrysburg</i> .	Friday, 6th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	<i>Yochow</i> .	Friday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon	<i>Palamcot</i> .	Saturday, 7th,
Europe, &c., India via Tuti River	Printed Matter and Samples.	10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Registration ... 10.00 A.M.	
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail, Extra Postage 10 cents)	(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)	
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes (time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)	Registration Kowloon H.O. .... 10.00 A.M.	
The Third mail will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 6th April.	No late fee.	
	Letters .... 11.00 A.M.	

TO-DAY.  
Sale, Frozen Rabbit, Sales Rooms, Mr. Goo, P. Lammer, 11 a.m.  
Sale, Postage Stamps, Sales Rooms, Mr. Goo, P. Lammer, 2.30 p.m.

## TO-MORROW.

Sale, Sundry Goods and Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. E. Kiene, 11 a.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.	April 3rd.
Telegraphic Transfer	2.0%
Bank Bills, on demand	3.0%
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2.0%
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2.0%
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.0%
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2.0%
ON PARIS.	
Bank Bills, on demand	2.5%
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.6%
ON GRECEAN.	
On demand	2.0%
ON NEW YORK.	
Bank Bills, on demand	4.0%
Credits, 60 days' sight	5.0%
ON EGYPT.	
Telegraphic Transfer	1.5%
Bank, on demand	1.5%
ON CALCUTTA.	
Telegraphic Transfer	1.5%
Bank, on demand	1.5%
ON SHANGHAI.	
Bank, at sight	2.0%
Private, 30 days' sight	2.0%
ON YOKOHAMA.	
On demand	1.00%
ON MANILA.	
On demand—Pesos	1.00%
Mrs. Taylor and 3 children, Miss Stoddart, Miss Goodfellow, Lord Beauchamp, Messrs. E. C. Codas and G. F. Stoddart.	
ON SINGAPORE.	
On demand	1.00%
Bank Bills, on demand	1.00%
Credits, 60 days' sight	1.00%
ON BATAVIA.	
On demand	1.25%
ON HADJHONG.	
On demand	3.00 p.m.
ON SAIGON.	
On demand	3.00 p.m.
ON HANOI.	
On demand	6.0%
ON SOVEREIGN.	
Bank's Buying Rate	9.75
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	50.8
BAR SILVER, per oz.	29.8

## OPIUM.

April 3rd.

Quotations are— Allowances to, to 1st saty.	per picoul.
Malwa New ..... \$390 to —	—
Malwa Old ..... \$100 to —	—
Malwa V. Old ..... \$100 to —	—
Persian Iniquity 1000 to —	—
Persian extra fine 1050 to —	—
Patau New ..... \$875 to —	per sheet.
Patau Old ..... \$70 to —	—
Egazir New ..... \$35 to —	—
Forrara Old ..... — to —	—

## STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

March 6th—Flintlock, Indrapura, Akbar, Lifong, 9th—Calcutta, Ernest Simons, Patna, 13th—Trieste, Sikk, Bechuan, Devaria, Indian Monarch, 16th—Java, Mayne, Tencor, 20th—Arcadia, Benaldey, Brisigavia, Sacharia, Anna, Admiral Arzamars, Engineer, Astahak, Skipper, 24th—Dardana, Hamur, Paloma, Ping Ngay, Polynesian, Zieker, St. Bride, 27th—Antwerp, Benyarti, Indrapura, Olympia, Sikkim, Indra-Sundha, Mevica, 30th—Bacon, Konzang, Sambatra, Tawang, Szechuan.

## ARRIVALS AT HOME.

March 24th—A. H. 27th—Tyo Maru, *Rehman*, 30th—Asia, China, Patroclus.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Dorakha* left Singapore for this port on the 1st instant at 8 a.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 5th inst., at about 5 p.m.

## THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Seehund* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 13th March, left Colombo on Sunday, 1st inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, 11th inst.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* left Vancouver, B.C., for Hongkong via usual ports of call, at noon, on Tuesday, the 29th March.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The Boston Tow Boat Co. str. *Lyon* sailed from Kobe on the 18th Mar.

The Mogul Liner, *Sikh* sailed from Birkenhead for China and Japan on the 28th Feb.

The str. *Shimosa* sailed from New York on the 10th Jan.

The C.N. str. *Tarpan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 12th March, p.m., and is due here on the 6th April.

The Barker Liner, *Saint Rybert* sailed from New York for China and Japan on the 14th March.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Sigismund* left Sydney on Saturday, 17th March, and may be expected here or about Monday, 9th April.

The P. & O. str. *Nunavut* arrived at Yokohama on Tuesday, 27th March, and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong on 6th April.

The N. G. I. S. S. str. *Cape* left Singapore for this port on the 29th March, and may be expected here on or about 4th April.

The P. & O. steamer *Pekin* left Singapore for this port on the 29th March at 11 a.m.



## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, April 3rd.

COMPANY. PAID UP QUOTATIONS.

Alhambra \$200 \$100.

Banks— Hongkong & Shai. \$126 \$860.

National B. of China. A. Shares 126. \$40, buyers

Bell's Asbestos E. A. 126. \$74, buyers

China-Horico Co. 126. \$12, buyers

China Light & P. Co. 126. \$10, buyers

China Provident 126. \$9, buyers

Cotton Mills— Ewo. 126. \$12, sellers

Hongkong International 126. \$10, sellers

Laou Kung Mow 126. \$10, sellers

Soyshes 126. \$10, sellers

Dairy Farm 126. \$10, sellers

Docks and Wharves— Farnham, B. & Co. 126. \$10, buyers

H. & K. Wharf & G. 126. \$101, sellers

H. & W. Duck 126. \$170, sellers

New Army Dock 126. \$101, buyers

S. & H. Wharf. 126. \$121, x. d.

Fawick & Co., Guo. 126. \$21, buyers

G. Island Cement 126. \$10, sales & ad.

Hongkong & Gas. 126. \$16, buyers

Hongkong Electric 126. \$16, sellers

H. & D. Dry 126. \$16, sellers

H. H. L. Transvaal 126. \$10, buyers

Hongkong Hotel Co. 126. \$10, buyers

Hongkong Kpo. Co. 126. \$10, sellers

Hongkong S. Waterboat 126. \$10, sellers

Insurance—

Canton 126. \$160, buyers

Cina Fire 126. \$160, buyers

China Traders 126. \$160, buyers

Hongkong Fire 126. \$160, buyers

Nova China 126. \$160, buyers

Xangtze 126. \$160, buyers

Land and Building— Hongkong Land & Building 126. \$115, buyers

Humphrey's Estate 126. \$114, sellers

Kowloon Land & B. 126. \$108, buyers

Shanghai Land & B. 126. \$108, buyers

Westpoint Building 126. \$108, sellers

Mining— Charbonnages 126. \$400, buyers

Kaule 126. \$400, sellers

Philippine Co. 126. \$400, sellers

Refineries— China Sugar 126. \$152, sellers

Luzon Sugar 126. \$25, sellers

Steamship Companies— China and Manilla 126. \$18, sellers